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MY PROFESSION - TO SELL NOBLE LADIES DREAMS AND HAPPINESS, - "GIGOLO" DO YOU WANT TO KNOW WHY I'VE BECOME A GIGOLO? OKAY, I WILL TELL YOU. BUT BE PREPARED, BECAUSE THIS PATH HAS JUST ONE END...

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ONE NIGHT DREAM

Gigolo

THE NIGHT IN WHICH I BECAME A GIGOLO...

CHIHO SAITO

I'VE BEEN ASKED: "WHAT IS YOUR GENJI- NAME?"

"ICHIRO", I IMMEDIATELY REPLIED.

AND ADDED: "YOU WILL KNOW MORE ABOUT ME FROM THE SPORTS NEWSPAPER".

I WAS BOUGHT FOR THIS EVENING...
...BY MY FIRST CUSTOMER...
IN FACT MY REAL NAME IS GORO, BUT...
YES, THAT'S ME.
CAN I DO IT?
WHAT KIND OF PERSON IS IT?
YOU ARE ICHIRO-KUN, RIGHT?

I WONDER WHETHER I CAN HAVE SEX WITH HER OR NOT?
NEVER MIND
SORRY..
THAT I'M LATE FOR OUR APPOINTMENT.
I HAD URGENT BUSINESS
IF I CAN'T PAY THE TUITION FEES AND LIVING EXPENSES FOR US TWO, THEN...
PLEASE, SIT DOWN
SHE IS CANCELING THE RESERVATION?
IT TURNED OUT TO BE A TERRIBLE DAY...
ALSO MY HEEL BROKE WHILE I WAS RUNNING.
THAT'S NOT GOOD..
HER GLASSES FOGGED
SHE'S LONG OVER 30 AND IT SEEMS THERE IS A PROBLEM WITH HER HEALTH
ALL IN ALL..
I'M REALLY SORRY.
PROBABLY, IT WAS NOT WORTH SHOWING ANYMORE..

WHEN JUST ONE HEEL IS BROKEN, WALKING IS REALLY DIFFICULT .
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?
MAYBE YOU COULD GIVE ME YOUR SECOND SHOE? THE ONE WHERE THE HEEL IS NOT BROKEN
..BUT WHEN BOTH IS BROKEN, THEN YOU CAN WALK EASILY
I WILL ESCORT YOU TILL THE METRO ENTRANCE, THEN
ARE YOU TAKING THE TRAIN BACK HOME?
YES

CAN WE TALK TO EACH OTHER, WHILE I'M IN THE SHOE STORE?
NOT THAT I LOVE IT MUCH...
I JUST LIKE "ICHIRO".
HMM..
FIRST HURDLE TO OVERCOME?
DO YOU LIKE BASEBALL, ICHIRO-KUN?
BLUNDER TOO CARELESS, EVEN FOR AN ALIAS

THEN I WILL BE ... YUMIKO
THAT'S THE NAME OF ICHIRO'S WIFE
IT LOOKS LIKE EVERYTHING IS GOING SMOOTHLY
WILL THIS WORK OUT, YUMIKO-SAN?
WELL NOT REALLY, TOO FLASHY
BUT AREN'T THAT ALMOST THE SAME AS THESE?
ICHIRO-KUN, WHICH PERFUME DOES YOU LIKE?
I WANT TO KNOW THE OPINION OF A MAN.
BUT I'M STILL A KID..
THESE?
HMM, YOU HAVE A GOOD TASTE
IN YOUR RÉSUMÉ WAS WRITTEN, THAT YOU ARE 19 YEARS OLD, BUT YOU ARE ALREADY AN ADULT.
THANKS..
YUMIKO-SAN, YOUR PHONE..
R.R.

DON'T YOU WANT TO TAKE THE CALL?
DON'T DO THAT, WHO KNOWS WHO MIGHT PICK IT UP.

I WANT TO REST SOMEWHERE
MOON PALACE
HOTEL WHITE ROOM
HOTEL URURU
LA JULIA
I WILL GO SHOWER FIRST

BATH ROOM
OH, THAT'S MINE!
FORGETTING TO SHUT DOWN MY PHONE!...
...IN SUCH A SITUATION...
SMS: FROM E
I STARTED TO WORRY...
SHE DEFERRED WORK...
... AND RESCUED ME...
... WHETHER IT WAS RIGHT...
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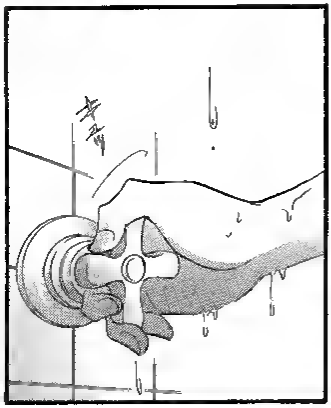
NO! THIS WILL NOT WORK.



GI...
THIS IS A BAD TIME...
GORO! THE CREDITOR IS IN OUR HOUSE!
HE WILL KILL ME!

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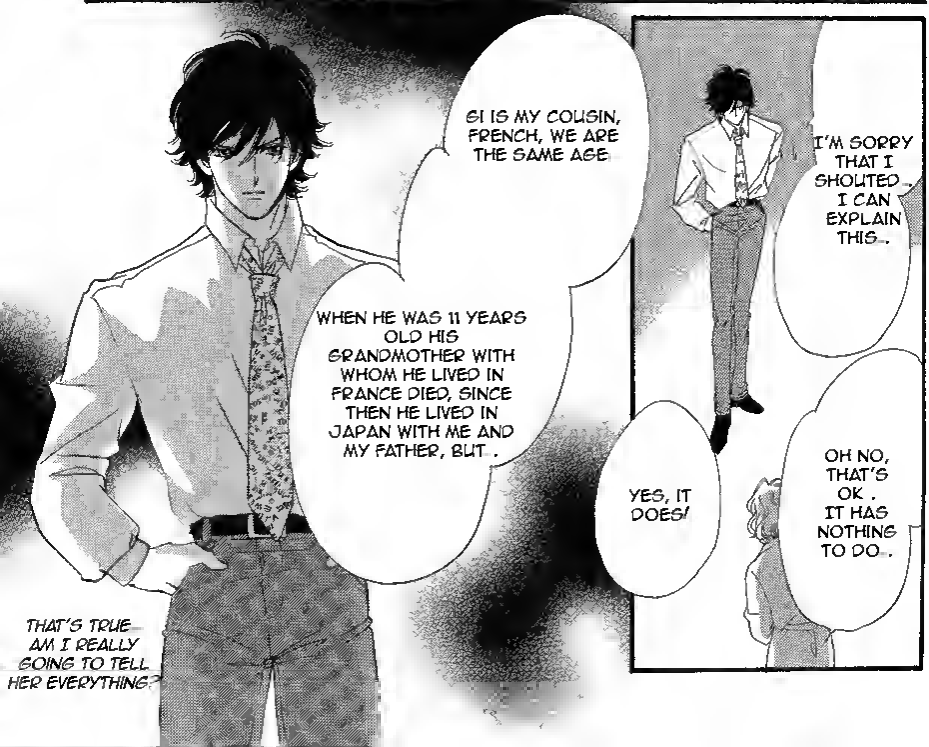
YOU ARE TALKING NONSENSE!
EVEN WHEN YOU CAN FOOL GI, YOU WON'T UNDERTAKE ME!
LISTEN, I'M A STUDENT OF THE LAW DEPARTMENT
DON'T TOUCH GI!

THAT IS MY FATHER'S DEBT! I AM NOT OBLIGED TO PAY THIS!
I REFUSED MY RIGHTS ON THE INHERITANCE THROUGH THE ATTORNEY DO YOU THINK JUST BECAUSE I'M UNDERAGE YOU CAN FORCE ME TO BE QUITE-!
THIS SCUM!
...
GO-RO?
LOOKS LIKE HE IS STILL ON THE LINE

UNDER-STOOD?
LEFT? THANK GOD .
LOCK YOURSELF AND DON'T UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES LET SOMEONE
GI, ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
AND WHAT IS WITH HIM?

I DO NOT KNOW YET WHEN I WILL RETURN .
BYE
I?


GI IS MY COUSIN, FRENCH, WE ARE THE SAME AGE
WHEN HE WAS 11 YEARS OLD HIS GRANDMOTHER WITH WHOM HE LIVED IN FRANCE DIED, SINCE THEN HE LIVED IN JAPAN WITH ME AND MY FATHER, BUT .
THAT'S TRUE AM I REALLY GOING TO TELL HER EVERYTHING?
I'M SORRY THAT I SHOUTED . I CAN EXPLAIN THIS .
YES, IT DOES!
OH NO, THAT'S OK . IT HAS NOTHING TO DO .

THAT'S WHY BOTH OF US NEED MONEY, TO THE EXTENT THAT WE STARTED WORKING IN THIS BUSINESS...
3 MONTHS AGO, THE COMPANY THAT MY FATHER LED WENT BANKRUPT AND HE WENT ON THE RUN.
SI AND I ARE BOTH STUDENTS, I'M STUDYING LAW TO BECOME A LAWYER AND SI WANTS TO BE A PIANIST.
I WILL PAY FOR THE ROOM.
IT WOULD BE FAIR, IF SHE CHASES ME OUT.
I THINK IT IS BETTER THAT I GO.

DON'T GO..
THANK YOU ..
..FOR TELLING ME
YOU DON'T NEED TO .
I LIKE YOUR SCENT, ICHIRO-KUN
I WILL ALSO..
TAKE A SHOWER AND COME BACK .

TO BE HONEST...
I FIRST DIDN'T HAVE A REAL IMPRESSION OF HER...
JUST SAW HER AS A WITHERING WOMAN

BUT SHE WAS...
...SO BEAUTIFUL...

BUT...
WHAT HAPPENED?
SHE IS NOT RESPONDING TO ME...
I...
...DON'T NEED MONEY.

AND I CAN'T WORK AS A GIGOLO ANYMORE..
IT'S LOW.
PRETENDING TO BE SOMEONE, COME INTO CONTACT..
I'M LEAVING
IS IT NOT BECAUSE OF THE CALL THAT YOU HEARD, THAT I SCARED YOU? AND I ALSO BURDENED YOU WITH MY PROBLEMS?
THE PERSON WHO'S TERRIBLE RIGHT NOW IS ME...
I LIKE YOU ICHIRO-KUN, BUT I DON'T FEEL ANYTHING...
WAIT A MINUTE! IT'S NOT THAT! YOU WERE OVERWHELMING!
I'M THE ONE TO BLAME!

SHE IS CRYING...
SINCE THAT SHOCK
SOMETHING IS WRONG WITH ME.
TOMORROW I CAN'T GO TO WORK OUT OF FEAR THAT...
THAT SCARES ME.
TELL ME...
YOU CAN TELL ME ANYTHING...
...
I WAS ADVISED TO PICK SOMEONE, WHICH HAS SOMETHING LIKE THIS FOR THE FIRST TIME.
BUT I WAS NOT SURE.
WHY? BECAUSE OF THE SEX?
I'VE ALWAYS UNDERSTOOD THE FEELINGS OF OTHERS VERY WELL. AND I WAS GLAD THAT THIS ABILITY CAN BE USEFUL TO OTHER PEOPLE, THAT'S WHY I'VE BECOME A PSYCHOLOGIST
BUT...
WORK?
BECAUSE OF EVERYTHING.
INCLUDING THAT AND ALSO OF WORK.

WHEN YOU MEET TORTURED PEOPLE EVERYDAY..
..IF YOU ALWAYS HAVE COMPASSION TOWARDS THEM, THEN THE PAIN TOUCHES YOU TOO.
BUT THERE ARE JUST A FEW PEOPLE WHO CAN DO THIS. ACCORDING TO SURVEYS OF U.S. PHYSICIANS, THE PERCENTAGE OF SUICIDE AMONG PSYCHOLOGISTS IS 5 TIMES HIGHER THAN PEOPLE WITH OTHER PROFESSIONS.
THAT MUCH?
TO BE HONEST..
I SHOULDN'T HAVE EMPATHIZED, BUT LISTENING AND GIVING ADVICE WITH A PEACE OF MIND..
..CLEARLY SET A BOUNDARY BETWEEN PRIVATE LIFE AND WORK..
AND HALF A YEAR AGO A SUICIDE TOOK ALSO PLACE AT OUR HOSPITAL.
IT WAS A SHOCK FOR ME
PATIENTS CAME MORE, I BECAME MADLY TIRED..
UNDER SUCH CONDITIONS EVERYTHING CAN LEAD TO A BREAKDOWN
AND THERE IS ALSO ME..
A GIGOLO WITH ALL THE PROBLEMS LIKE A PATIENT
NOT AT ALL!

I LIKE YOU ICHIRO-KUN
MAYBE WE SHOULD TRY IT ONCE MORE?
...
NOT SO...
LONG AGO I'VE READ A BOOK .
A PERSON FROM SOME COUNTRY WROTE, THAT HE BECOMES FUNNY, WHILE LOOKING AT AMERICAN PORN
THEY ASKED HIM WHY...
AND HE REPLIED: "IN MY COUNTRY THERE IS A WAY, THANKS TO WHOM... PEOPLE CAN ATTAIN THE HIGHEST BLISS FROM MERGING, REMAINING AT REST"
HIGHEST BLISS?
AND HOW DO YOU DO THAT?

ABOUT .
WHY PEOPLE, WHO WANT TO SERVE THE LAW .
ENGAGE IN PROSTITUTION FOR THE SAKE OF MONEY .
OR ..
THIS WAY ..
CLOSE YOUR EYES AND RELAX.
TOUCHING EACH OTHER AND TALKING ABOUT YOURSELF ..
ABOUT YOUR PROBLEMS .
PSYCHO-THERAPY?
OF COURSE I DID NOT HAVE SUCH PROBLEMS .
THE OPPOSITE, I WANTED THIS .
AFTER ALL, MY FRENCH GRANDMOTHER, ALSO HELD BESIDE HERSELF A BEAUTIFUL GIGOLO ..
AHH .
SSHH ..
THAT WAS NOT ALL ..
I NATURALLY ...ENTERED HER..

I HATE MY FATHER
JUST LIKE A FATHER, WHO IS DESPERATELY TRYING TO PROTECT HIS CHILD
GI IS SO HELPLESS, I WAS WORRIED ABOUT HIM...
THAT CALL...
I WAS SO SURPRISED, YOU TALKED WITH YOUR COUSIN IN SUCH A FATHERLY TONE...
FOR WHAT?
BUT?
NO REASON...
HE POISONED HIMSELF WITH HIS WORK
NOW I HAVE GI BY MY SIDE, WHICH MAKES IT EASIER FOR ME
EVEN WHEN HE LEFT US FOR THE SAKE OF WOMEN, IT DOESN'T MATTER TO ME ANYMORE NOW.
FOR THE SAKE OF WOMEN?
AND NOW HE'S ON THE RUN
HE HADN'T EVEN STAYED MORE THAN HALF AN HOUR ON HIS MOTHER'S FUNERAL.
I WAS LEFT ALONE...
IT WAS SO HARD...

"NO MATTER HOW BAD HE WAS, THE MAIN THING IS THAT HE'S ALIVE, RIGHT?"
IT CALMS YOU DOWN TO THINK THAT WAY, RIGHT?
ICHIRO-KUN?
I CAN'T BRING ANYTHING TO AN END .
JUDGES, BY FORCE OF THE LAW DISPELS THE DARKNESS .
THIS IS JUST NOT FOR ME!
WHAT SHOULD I DO WHEN HE DIES?
AND WHAT HAPPENS WHEN HE COMMITS SUICIDE, IN ORDER TO NOT BRING ME ANYMORE TROUBLE?
IT SCARES ME EVEN TO THINK ABOUT THIS..

YOU ARE A GOOD BOY.
DEFINITELY CONTINUE WITH YOUR STUDIES.
WITHOUT A FAIL, YOU CAN BECOME A FANTASTIC JUDGE.
YOU ARE A REALLY GOOD DOCTOR.
LOOKS LIKE I REALLY LIKE YUMIKO-SAN.
I WANT TO BE A GIGOLO JUST FOR YOU...
FEELS SO GOOD.
ME ALSO... AHH...

THE FIRST NIGHT...
.. OF REAL HAPPINESS..

КЛИНИКА "АГЭХА"
IN THIS CASE YOU SHOULD REFRAIN FROM PLAYING PIANO FOR A WEEK...
DOCTOR! THIS NURSE WILL RIP MY ARM OFF, UNTIL SHE FINISHES TO BANDAGE!
OH, THAT G!...
A WHOLE WEEK?!

YUMIKO-SAN!
GOOD AFTER-NOON!
YUMIKO-SENSEI, YOU ARE SO BEAUTIFUL TODAY!
YES, THE WEATHER IS GOOD, SO I WILL PROBABLY EAT IN THE GARDEN..
YOU'RE GOING FOR DINNER?
CHANGED YOUR HAIRSTYLE?
THANKS!
SO SHE IS REALLY CALLED YUMIKO?
IT'S BEEN SO LONG SINCE WE SAW YUMIKO-SENSEI SMILING..
I WAS BEGINNING TO WORRY THAT SHE . WILL COMMIT SUICIDE LIKE HER FIANCÉ, ICHIRO-SENSEI .

SHH! NOT SO LOUD!
IT WOULDN'T BE GOOD IF THE PATIENTS WOULD HEAR THAT!
SO THAT'S WHAT IT WAS LIKE...
HER, HALF A YEAR AGO DECEASED, FIANCÉ'S NAME WAS...
ICHIRO-KUN!
NO, YOU ARE MISTAKEN, MY NAME IS NAKASAKI GORO
STUDENT OF THE LAW DEPARTMENT IN THE TOKYO CENTRAL UNIVERSITY!

MY PERSONAL GIGOLO!